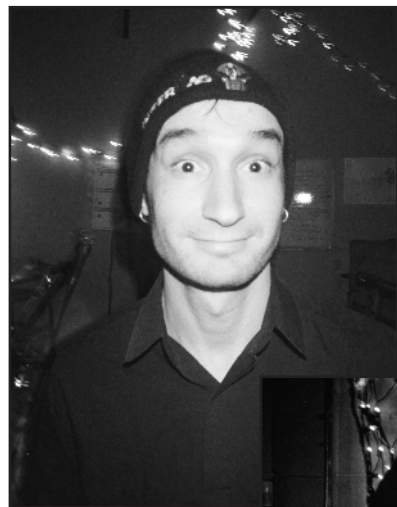


# Geronimo

let's jump out of this plane!

by Spencer Brown



The demise of Regina's Despistado was a tragedy of sorts. Guaranteed to be the next big thing in Canadian music and signed to Jade Tree records, the band's end came abruptly soon. Happily you can't keep good men down and it was only a matter of time before guitarist/vocalist Dagan Harding and guitarist Lief Thorseth got another project off the ground.

"The name Geronimo denotes the First Nation activist from the U.S. Yes. But the other connotation is it's a guy jumping out of a plane. And that's the feeling with this band, this is it! 'Let's jump out of this plane!'" explains Harding with the meaning behind both the band's name and energy.

In the two years that Geronimo has been

together they have accomplished an impressive list of experience including one full tour, two appearances at Pop Montreal and one small Western Canadian tour to the rainy climes of Vancouver and Victoria. Of the shows Dagan remarks, "some were better than others but overall it's going well."

As any fan of Despistado knows, they were no slouches in the lyrical department thanks to Harding's background in political science. Geronimo not only takes Harding's talent but improves upon it.

"In Despistado I was constantly relying on my lyrics to vent my frustrations at the world. With Geronimo the lyrics are a bit simpler; I don't want

to call it mature but its more grown-up in many aspects. Mainly due to the many aspects in life we have to deal with," he says.

Distinguishing further, Harding maintains that, "this is a totally different band. We have a different way of communicating. There are the same songwriters, me and Lief, but it's not so heavily political. It's more personal, more philosophical and there's more honesty."

Again, while not using mature as an adjective, Harding stresses the growth dynamic he appreciates in Geronimo.

"What moves me to music is how bands evolve and don't stagnate. As I get older the things that appeal to me are more open," he says. "We're more musical, we're all moving forward together. It takes a lot of work but it's fun and we all know that putting in the time is worth it," affirms Harding.

Given that Geronimo is fairly young in terms of years of existence, its members' experiences, both musically and personally, have made the band a force to be reckoned with. With no small amount of modesty Harding credits collective strengths as being the fuel that floods Geronimo's engine.

"We're all really happy. There's a tremendous amount of potential in this band."

**WHO:** Geronimo  
**WHEN:** February 17  
**WHERE:** HiFi Club



## Joe Queer

Joe Queer is the infamously outspoken front man for the bratty bubblegum-punk band, The Queers. Now in his 25th year with the group, the New Hampshire singer has become a loosely defined legend of his genre and is celebrating with a brand new CD and DVD. We caught up with Joe in the middle of his band's current tour.

**What record are you obsessed with right now?**

Jesus and Mary Chain - Munki.

**What's the last good book you read?**

Memoirs Of A Professional Cad by George Sanders.

**What was the last good live show you experienced?**

Agent Orange at The Star Bar in Atlanta.

**What famous person (dead or alive) would you like to share a pint with?**

P.G. Wodehouse (author of the Jeeves and Blandings Castle stories)

**If you weren't playing music, what would you be doing?**

Probably welcoming people to the drive-thru window at Burger King.

*The Queers CD Munki Brain hits the shelves on February 6, followed by the The Queers Are Here DVD on February 20.*

